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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed amended claims (including corrected status identifiers) in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 22, 2004. Pursuant to the instructions on the notice, Applicant is resubmitting only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document (i.e., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section). The remarks in the previously submitted amendment dated July 29, 2004, are incorporated herein by reference. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to re-examine the remarks in the previous amendment in light of the enclosed amended claims.

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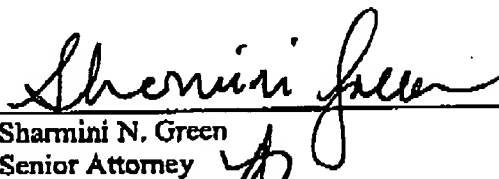
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that pending Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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